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Selectmen's Report.

INVOICE.

Land and buildings	\$518,624
Polls, 213	21,300
Horses, 280	14,919
Oxen, 20	118 832
Cows, 722	17,447
Neats, 93	1,294
Sheep, 212	809
Hogs, 8	64
Fowl, 375	150
Carriages, 43	2,080
Stock in corporations	300
Stock in public funds	4,300
Money on hand	8,460
Stock in trade	4,250
Mills and machinery	2,948
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	\$597,777

APPROPRIATIONS.

For town purposes	3,500
School money, by law	1,048
Extra school money	100
For beach road	500
School house money	800
Insurance, repairs, woodshed and well	350
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	\$6,298

Amount committed to collector	\$6,679 98
Dog tax	57 00
State, county, town and school tax \$1.12 on \$100	
Highway tax, .25 on \$100	
Resident highway tax	\$1,217 01
Non-resident highway tax	278 15

DISCOUNT.

Paid John S. Hobbs	\$223.20
Paid State treasurer	\$1,470 00
Paid County treasurer	1,477 16
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	\$2,947 16

SCHOOLS.

School money by law	\$1,048 00
Extra school money	100 00
Literary fund	149 80
Railroad tax	93 67
Text books	139 63
Insurance	60 00
Dog tax	26 00
Official services	45 00
Printing school reports for 1890	9 50
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	\$1,671.60

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid for school houses	\$1,850 00
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ABATEMENTS.

John W. Berry on buildings	\$5 15
Jos. L. Philbrook over-tax on land	3 00
W. J. C. Hobbs, poll	1 12
Reuben C. Knowles, poll	1 12
Edward S. Marston, poll	1 12
Hrs David Knowles	1 17
Congregational Society	11 53
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	\$24 21

AID TO DEPENDENT SOLDIERS & THEIR FAMILIES.

Martha A. Marston, board of David Marston, soldier	\$156 00
Truss for D. Marston	6 00
Clothing for D. Marston	9 50
Dr M. F. Smith medical attendance	6 00
Repairing boots	60
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	\$178 10

COUNTY PAUPERS.

S. J. Rand, board of John Smith	46 00
Clothing for John Smith	5 00
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	\$51 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

George E. Frost, breaking roads	\$ 7 00
Pepperell Frost	5 25
John I. Leavitt	17 39
John O. Wiggin, damage on highway	25 00
Levi W. Colbath, damage on highway	25 00
J. E. Drake, gravel, labor and breaking road	63 55
James W. Barton, repairing bridge	13 63
James W. Barton, labor and breaking road	39 20
Morris H. Moulton, gravel	42 85
Otis S. Brown, non-resident highway tax	145 00
Geo. A. Page, non-resident and breaking road	17 11
Cyrus Fogg, breaking road	5 50
Geo. D. Brown, non-resident tax and breaking road	5 75
Eben H. Dalton, breaking road	14 25
H. B. Marston, non-resident tax and breaking road	11 99
William Whenal, bridge stone	2 00
W. L. Stackpole, breaking road	14 42
Charles C. Barton, road scraper, points and powder	6 60
Eben L. Dalton, non-resident highway tax	37 40
A. C. Brown, non-resident tax and breaking road	8 64
Geo. H. Foster, gravel and non-resident tax	20 05
Alfred L. Marston, non-resident tax and breaking road	9 33
Eben L. Dalton, breaking road	4 75

E. B. Phillbrick, surveying and plan for beach road	5 33
J. Rollins, labor on bridge	6 50
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	\$553 49

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid George D. Cotton, interest,	\$ 40 00
Jonathan Rollins, note and interest	520 50
John S. Hobbs, interest	16 00
Edward E. Marston, interest	7 50
Emma P. Dalton, note, and interest	1,047 33
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	\$1,631 33

MISCELLANEOUS.

Abel T. Brown, water trough	\$ 3 00
Pepperell Frost, water trough, two years	6 00
W. H. Philbrook, water trough	3 00
J. W. Barry, water trough	3 00
D. J. Lamprey, water trough	3 00
George E. Frost, refreshments	1 25
Otis S. Brown, refreshments	1 50
W. L. Stackpole, sheep killed by dogs	5 00
J. L. Smith, sheep killed by dogs	6 00
W. H. Marston, hens killed by dogs	16 00
S. O. Lamprey, wood	2 50
O. B. Leavitt, repairs on hearse house	6 85
Dr. M. F. Smith, record of births and deaths	2 75
Otis S. Brown, stationery	4 20
Legal advice	2 00
Printing town reports	13 00
Printing checklist	1 05
Printing tax bills	1 50
Cemetery deeds	5 00
Bell rope	67
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	\$87 27

OFFICIAL SERVICES.

George D. Brown, supervisor	\$8 00
Charles C. Barton, supervisor	8 00
John S. Hobbs, supervisor	12 00

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O. B. Leavitt, hearse and cemetery warden	32 00
John H. Brown, cemetery warden	12 00
George D. Brown, auditor	1 00
John W. Warner, auditor	1 00
Levi W. Fogg, on beach road	5 00
John S. Hobbs, on beach road	15 00
John S. Hobbs, collector	44 00
William J. Breed, police and constable	17 08
Cyrus Fogg, selectman	40 00
George W. Knowles, selectman	45 00
Otis S. Brown, selectman	40 00
Otis S. Brown, overseer of poor	5 00
Jonathan Rollins, town clerk	20 00
Jonathan Rollins, treasurer	20 00

\$325 08

RECAPITULATION.

State and county	\$2,947 16
Discount	223 20
Schools and school houses	3,521 60
Abatements	24 21
County paupers	229 10
Roads and bridges	553 49
Notes and interest	1,631 33
Miscellaneous	87 27
Official	325 08

\$9,542 44

RECEIPTS.

Amount on hand from last year	\$ 776 49
Received for use of hearse out of town	3 00
“ “ cemetery lots	140 00
“ “ railroad tax	93 67
“ “ literary fund	149 80
“ “ savings bank tax	1218 44
“ from county	229 10
“ non-resident highway tax	160 00
“ dog tax	57 00
“ on note	500 00

Received from collector	6,679 98
" interest on deposit	23 72
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	\$10,031 20

TOWN DEBT.

Notes held by sundry persons	\$2,050 00
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OTIS S. BROWN,
GEO. W. KNOWLES,
CYRUS FOGG.

Selectmen of North Hampton.

Auditor's Report.

We, the undersigned, having examined the book and accounts of Selectmen and Treasurer, find them correctly cast, with proper vouchers.

We also find the town indebtedness as follows :

Notes held by sundry persons	\$2,050 00	
Interest due on the same	20 00	
	—————	\$2,070 00
Cash in the treasury		530 66
Leaving a balance of		————— 1,539 34

GEORGE D. BROWN,
JOHN LEAVITT.
Auditors.

Treasurer's Report.

Amount on hand from last year	\$776 49
Amount received for use of hearse out of town	3 00
Amount received for cemetery lots	140 00
Amount received for railroad tax	93 67
Amount received for literary fund	149 80
Amount received for savings bank tax	1,218 44
Amount received from county for support of poor	51 00
Amount received from county for dependent soldier	178 10
Amount received on town note	500 00
Amount received from collector of taxes	6896 98
Amount received as interest on deposit	23 72
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	\$10,031 20

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By amount paid County tax	1,477 16
By amount paid state tax	1,470 00
By amount paid selectmen's orders	6,553 38
By amount on hand	530 66
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	\$10,031.20

J. ROLLINS,
Treasurer.

No. Hampton, March 3, 1891.

Births Registered in the Town of North Hampton for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1890.

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth	Name of child (if any)	SEX.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
April 18	No. Hampton.	Henry P. Philbrook.	.....	Wm. H. Philbrook.	Grace W. Durham.	33	19
May 13	"	Clinton A. Norton.	.....	Frank C. Norton.	Abbie F. Breed.	35	20
June 10	"	Charles W. Barton.	.....	Thomas Gargill.	Susan Dineen.	26	25
July 4	"	.....	.....	Chas. L. Barton.	Bessie E. Sabath.	38	38
Oct. 22	"	.....	M	Nelson J. Norton.	May E. Knowles.	20	19
Nov. 28	"	.....	M	Orrin B. Leavitt.	Mary O. Drake.	42	31
Dec. 25	"	.....	M	Benj. F. Simpson.	Laura A. Page.	40	40

Marriages Registered in the Town of North Hampton for the year ending Dec. 31, 1890.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age.	Color.	Place of Birth of each.
June 7	No. Hampton.....	Haven S. Berry.....	No. Hampton	22	White.	Clementsport, N. S.....
July 23	Portsmouth.....	Mabel J. Dow.....	"	19	"	No. Hampton
		George H. Foster.....	"	22	"	"
Oct. 5	Rye	Carrie A. Drake.....	Rye	17	"	"
		Fred A. Brown.....	No. Hampton	31	"	"
Oct. 23	No. Hampton.....	Lizzie A. Knowles.....	Rye	19	"	"
		Samuel B. Dalton.....	No. Hampton	43	"	"
Oct. 30	"	Katie E. Philbrook.....	"	19	"	"
		Oliver W. Page.....	"	23	"	"
Dec. 24	"	Katie T. Mansfield.....	"	23	"	"
		Oliver S. Hobbs.....	"	23	"	"
Dec. 25	"	Mary E. Smith.....	"	24	"	"
		Anthony W. Frizzell.....	Portsmouth	24	"	"
		Ellen S. Locke.....	No. Hampton	25	"	"

Deaths Registered in the Town of North Hampton for the year ending Dec. 31, 1890.

Date of Death.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	AGE.			Place of Birth.	Sin. Mar. Wid.	Occupation.
			Yrs.	Mos.	Days			
Jan. 23	No. Hampton	Nathan Knowles.....	77	..	8	Stratham.....	M	Farmer.....
Feb. 4	"	Sarah Sherburne.....	78	6	4	"	..	..
April 27	"	John W. F. Hobbs.....	75	..	..	No. Hampton	..	..
May 25	"	Mary Garland.....	79	2	22	"	..	..
June 16	"	Simon D. Page.....	74	6	28	"	..	..
July 11	"	David S. Knowles.....	73	..	17	Stratham.....	..	..
Sept. 17	"	Oliver C. Simpson.....	1	5	6	No. Hampton	..	..
Oct. 30	"	Mrs. Orrin Batchelder.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dec. 17	"	Sarah D. Hobbs.....	22	..	..	..	..	..
Dec. 22	"	Caroline D. Hobbs.....	78	..	..	..	..	..
		Simon Brown.....	80	3	25	..	..	..

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE TOWN OF
NORTH HAMPTON,
FOR
The Year ending March 14,
1891.

Annual Report.

TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH HAMPTON ;

Again with the close of another school year it becomes our duty to report the condition of your schools.

It has been in our judgment a prosperous year ; no general sickness has prevailed among the children ; indeed it is quite a remarkable fact, and should awaken gratitude in our hearts, that no child of school age has died since the town system was established five years ago.

Looking back to the old district system we feel that marked progress has been made in our schools ; free text books as well as better ones, better equipment in all lines of supplies, and better classification have produced good results. We still see many defects and great room for improvement, but that the trend is upward and onward all who visit the schools admit. We find that nearly all criticism of teachers and of methods of instruction and rules adopted, is by those parents who seldom or never visit the schools.

For your own sake, parents, for if you once adopt the plan you will enjoy it, for the sake of your children ; for the sake

of encouraging the teachers and for the good of our schools as a whole, visit them and then freely express to your school board wherein improvement can be made, and if you can justly do so, speak encouraging words to your teachers.

A gentleman, well able to judge, recently said after listening to the reading of a paper written by the scholars of one of our schools lately graded, "I am more than pleased, I am surprised and gratified at the progress made and to find that you, scholars, have been able to write such articles as the paper contains."

Few, who have not taught, themselves, realize the nervous strain upon teachers or the real work there is for them to do. It is not confined to the six hours in the school room; our successful teachers spend hours each day, outside of the classroom, in preparation, in correcting written lessons and in planning the details of the next day's work. The great amount of oral instruction required, in these days of progress, necessitates much general reading on the part of teachers. The day is coming, not far distant, when beside free text books, the schools of our state will be furnished with libraries, perhaps not large ones, but containing books of value bearing upon every department of instruction given—books that shall greatly aid teacher and scholars.

Where and how do your boys and girls spend their evenings? Upon the answer depends quite largely their future career in life. If they acquire the habit of spending many of them at their homes in reading instructive books such as our school libraries ought to furnish, then they will be shielded from scores of dangers that assail those who go out into life with the habit of wasting their evenings.

We realize that the youngest children cannot be quite as regular in attendance in winter as the older ones, but we believe in all our schools the attendance could be better and that it is in the power of parents to make it so. Irregularity of attendance is one of the greatest hindrances to progress in school work with which we have to contend; it lays with you, parents, to say whether it shall be in a measure removed in the year to come. It is by no means confined to children living long distances from our school houses. We have tried to remedy it by requiring written excuses for absence; they have proved helpful, and would accomplish still more if all parents would cordially co-operate in enforcing the rule.

There have been less changes of teachers the past year, for which we are thankful. Miss Emma E. Thrasher of North Newport taught at the East through the year—the ungraded spring term and the grammar department, fall and winter terms. She is a lady of good qualities of mind and heart; conscientious in her work, adopting modern methods of instruction. Her room has always presented a very neat and orderly appearance; her scholars have made good progress. Her rules and decisions may at times have seemed a little severe to her pupils, but the result of the year's work is seen in the expanded minds of her scholars and in a more gentlemanly and ladylike deportment.

Miss Theresa J. North of Canning, N. S., came to the primary department when the school was graded; she has proved a valuable teacher; years of experience have enabled her to do good work with little ones.

One of the great improvements of the year has been the grading of the East school, and we think all who have visited the rooms, and seen the scholars at work, have felt that it was a wise decision on the part of the town to appropriate money to enlarge the school house. The building is a convenient one: the rooms, pleasant, light and airy, and its exterior such as to make it attractive to the passer. An organ is needed for its primary department, also a few new desks.

Mr. James E. Fisher of Mansfield, Mass., the efficient teacher in the grammar department at the Center, continued his work there through spring and fall terms, then, because of an impairment of his hearing, he was obliged to give up teaching. He has been a faithful worker; he won the respect of the committee and the hearts of his scholars.

Mr. Will D. Tillson of East Foxboro, Mass., who came to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Fisher's resignation, has through the winter term proved himself a man whose influence has been elevating in school and out, and his work, as shown by the progress of his pupils, has met our approval. We desire to say that the large boys, many of whom cannot attend other than in the winter season, have been very studious during the term and their deportment commendable. There has been a mutual effort on the part of scholars and teacher to make the term successful. Several branches have been taught in this department during the year that had not previously been admitted—geome-

try, general history and Latin. They have been taught, to meet the needs of some of the advanced scholars, whose parents did not wish at present to send them to higher schools out of town. We feel the need of a high school in town, and trust its citizens will in due time provide for one.

The Center primary department has been under the care of Miss Eva L. Brown of Exeter, one term, and Miss Alice V. Currier of Middleton, Mass., two terms. Miss Brown had received a good training for the school room at the normal department of Robinson Seminary, and had taught some: she brought good methods, and the term was a fairly successful one. Skilled in drawing, she was able to give excellent instruction in that line, making much use of the blackboard as well as the drawing book.

Miss Currier has proved herself a lady of rare attractiveness of manner and disposition. Quiet and unassuming in personal appearance, she is at ease in the school room and has good command of her position. She has constantly improved as a teacher, and we hope to secure her services for the year to come. The pupils have been well instructed, as their progress shows. Miss C. is a singer, and has been able to give more attention to music than some former teachers. The room was crowded during the fall term; forty-four little ones make a family hard to care for.

We wish more attention might be given to music in all our schools; we hope the coming year to provide music, charts and books for that purpose; it will be some expense, but if our children can obtain in our schools the rudiments of a good musical education, it will be of inestimable value to them. Increased attention is given to this department of instruction in all the large villages and cities; in many places a regular music teacher is employed, who devotes all his time to visiting the schools and instructing the pupils.

Citizens, let us by suitable appropriations, as far as possible, place our schools on an equal footing with those of the larger towns and cities.

We would recommend a small appropriation for repairs and new furniture, as it always is necessary to spend some money for these purposes and it does not seem wise to use the regular school money—indeed, the law allows only five per cent to be used.

Francis Bacon said: "A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds." If we are wise, citizens, we shall open opportunities to our children beyond those we had, beyond those we now have—we shall endeavor, by advancing the educational privileges of our town, to leave it better than we found it. Each generation should be a stepping-stone to enable the next to mount higher.

The Emperor Titus felt that he had lost the day when on one occasion he failed, for twenty-four hours, to perform some kindness. We have lost our day—our opportunity—if we fail to provide such thoroughly equipped schools as shall enable our children to become wiser men and women than we are.

GEORGE A. BOYNTON,	} School Board.
FRANCIS R. DRAKE,	
GEORGE L. GARLAND	

*Roll of Honor.

The following pupils of the schools have been present every half-day for two terms :

Mattie Philbrick,	Chester B. Fogg,
May E. Boynton,	Justin H. Tarlton,
Frank E. Berry,	Byron S. Tarlton.
Willie E. Brown.	

The following have been present every half-day for one term.

Goodwin A. Jenness,	E. Linwood Taylor,
Forest O. Batchelder,	J. Henry Riley,
Albert F. Batchelder,	Charlie R. Chevalier,
Carroll W. Fogg,	Lewis B. Chevalier,
Harold I. Lamprey,	Frank H. Leavitt,
Lula E. Moulton,	Howard Stackpole,
Grace H. Marston,	Nellie Marston.
Ethel A. Marston,	Roy R. Rollins,
Alice S. Marston,	Clifford S. Drake,
Gertie L. Fogg,	Sperry H. Lock,
Beatrice A. Boynton,	Charles W. Taylor,

Bessie F. Garland.

*No scholar was present every half-day of the whole school year.

Table of School Statistics.

		Centre.		East.	
		Gram.	Prim.	Gram.	Prim.
Wages of teachers per month	{ Spring	\$40	\$30	\$40	
	{ Fall	50	30	40	\$30
	{ Winter	50	30	40	30
Number of weeks taught during the year		36	36	34	23
Number of scholars in	{ Spring	30	38	*42	
	{ Autumn	26	44	18	26
	{ Winter	41	33	17	21
No. different pupils for the year		43	45	18	27
Average attendance in	{ Spring	25	30	*37	
	{ Autumn	24	34	17	21
	{ Winter	32	19	16	17
Number of Scholars in	Reading	43	45	18	27
	Spelling,	43	45	18	27
	Penmanship,	43	45	18	27
	Arithmetic,	40	45	18	24
	Geography,	10	8	18	11
	Grammar,	29	9	18	11
	Physical Geography,	4		3	
	History,	25	8	18	
	Algebra,	7			
	Book-keeping,	13		1	
	Physiology,	29		18	
	Drawing,		43	12	11
	Political Economy,	7			
	Vocal Music,	43	45	18	
	Latin,	3			
	Geometry,	2			
	General History,	4			
	Composition,	43		18	
No. of scholars on the roll of honor,		5	18	12	6
No. of visits by citizens and others,		146	101	70	44
No. of visits by members of school Board,		16	14	15	10

*Ungraded during term.

Text Books in Use 1890---1891.

Wentworth's Geometry.
 Myers' General History.
 Swinton's Readers and Spellers.
 Conklin's Grammars.
 Hyde's Lessons in the use of English.
 Harper's Geographies.
 Butler's Physical Geography.
 Greenleaf's Algebra.
 Brand's Physiology.
 Steele's Philosophy.
 Meservey's Book-keeping.
 Harper's System of Writing.
 Barnes' U. S. History.
 Electric Primary History.
 Franklin Elementary Arithmetic.
 Meservey's Political Economy.
 White's Arithmetics.
 White's Industrial System of Drawing.
 Collar and Daniell's Beginners' Latin Book.

Books of other authors are furnished for supplementary work, also dictionaries, encyclopædias and other books of reference.

Financial Statement.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	\$ 107 85
Sale of Books, etc ,	3 75
Literary Fund,	149 80
By law, Town Tax,	1048 00
Extra Town Tax,	100 00
Railroad Tax,	93 67
Unexpended Dog Tax,	26 00
From Town for Text Books and other school supplies,	139 63
Special Appropriations :	
Insurance,	60 00
Repairs,	100 00
Well on East School Lot,	50 00
Addition to East School House,	1500 00
Wood House and water closets	200 00
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	\$3578.70

EXPENDITURES.

Mr. James E. Fisher, teaching,	\$260 00
Mr. Will D. Tillson, "	159 50
Miss Eva L. Brown, "	82 50
Miss Alice V. Currier, "	187 50
Miss Emma E. Thrasher "	340 00
Miss Theresa J. North, "	171 00
Miss Bessie F. Garland, substitute teacher,	3 00
Well on East School Lot,	50 30
Addition to East School House,	1500 78
Janitor services,	35 00
Repairs, including painting of Center School house,	106 57
Express, freight, telegrams, postage and car fares,	25 12
Wood House and water closets at East School House	200 00
Fuel,	103 61
Cleaning school rooms	7 25
New furniture,	48 10
Water supply,	3 00
Garland tax to Town of Rye,	4 00

Text Books,	101 02
Paper, ink, crayons, pencils, slates and erasers,	35 16
Insurance,	60 00
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	\$3483 41

FRANCIS R. DRAKE, Treasurer.

Auditors' Report.

NORTH HAMPTON, March 2d, 1891.

We have this day examined the above account, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched, and an unexpended balance of ninety-five dollars and twenty-nine cents.

ORIN B. LEAVITT,
EBEN L. DALTON.

Auditors.

